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For: MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM, NON-MAGNETIC ACICULAR BLACK
IRON-BASED COMPOSITE PARTICLES AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING
THE PARTICLES

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

AND PRESENTATION OF ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE

Applicants hereby submit this in response to the Office Action mailed September 29, 2003 ("Office Action").

A response to the Office Action was originally due December 29, 2003. Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time in which to submit a response or an amendment in response to the Office Action. The fee for a one-month extension of time is \$110 and a check in that amount is enclosed. Therefore, the deadline for responding to the Office Action is now January 29, 2004. Accordingly, this Amendment and Response is being timely filed.

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